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Cc: Russo, Rebecca[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
From: Card, Joan
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 4:09:12 PM
Subject: RE: Q/As for NM Delegation

Being pulled together now.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:03 AM
To: Card, Joan
Cc: Russo, Rebecca; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Re: Q/As for NM Delegation

Agree but this is internal for the administrator

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 9:33 AM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:47 AM
To: Distefano, Nichole
Cc: Card, Joan; Gray, David
Subject: Re: Q/As for NM Delegation

We do not at this point .

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 3:37 AM, Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Rebecca. I think we were hoping to get her some more specific info on the outstanding questions. Do we have any of that info?

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 2:59 PM, Russo, Rebecca <Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nichole,

I did have some additional language for you that I sent earlier, but here it is again.

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From: Distefano, Nichole

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:51 PM

To: Card, Joan; Gray, David; Russo, Rebecca

Subject: RE: Q/As for NM Delegation

Questions to address from New Mexico Congressional delegation (8/10/15 letter)

1. **There was a troubling lack of communication from EPA to federal, state and local officials. Congressional offices, state leaders and constituents had to learn details from the news before hearing from EPA.**

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2. Many NM constituents still feel EPA isn't providing timely information.

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3. EPA should establish a single point of contact to oversee EPA's efforts.

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4. They are concerned that data that has been released by Region 8 was slow to be shared with the State of New Mexico.

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5. They want the establishment of a toll free number for New Mexico because there is one for Colorado.

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6. They have not yet been presented with a comprehensive plan from the agency to provide water to those whose wells have been affected, farmers whose crops are not being irrigated, ranchers whose livestock are without water, and people for drinking, cooking, and showering.

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7. They request a detailed plan from EPA to address this lack of water in San Juan County and the Navajo Nation.

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8. EPA should begin fulfilling the current requests submitted by all of the State partners, including a mobile lab for water quality tests.

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9. Did EPA have a mitigation plan in place prior to the spill in an effort to prepare for any adverse outcomes during work on the Gold King Mine.

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10. Can EPA provide assurances that it has or is developing contingency plans for any additional mine failures, heavy rain events, or any other scenario that could worsen the situation?

11. Is EPA conducting any similar work on other mines in the Region?

12. If so, have those efforts been halted?

13. If so, does EPA have mitigation plans in place for those mines?

14. They believe there is a responsibility to make whole all of those who have been harmed economically in a timely fashion.

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From: Card, Joan

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:50 PM

To: Distefano, Nichole; Gray, David; Russo, Rebecca

Subject: RE: Q/As for NM Delegation

I can try to help. Can someone send them to me in the body of an email?

From: Distefano, Nichole

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:49 PM

To: Gray, David; Card, Joan; Russo, Rebecca

Subject: RE: Q/As for NM Delegation

Thanks David. R8 folks, have you been able to fill in the gaps here. I would need to get this to the Administrator in an hour or so.

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From: Gray, David

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:53 AM

To: Card, Joan; Russo, Rebecca; Distefano, Nichole

Subject: Q/As for NM Delegation

Thanks for breaking out the questions from the incoming letter. It was very helpful. Attached are my draft responses.

David